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Amendments to the Specification

The following refers to the paragraph numbering used in the publication of the present application.

^{sw}₍₁₂₃₎₅₇ Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following replacement paragraph:

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^{sw}₍₁₂₃₎₆₇ [0009] It is an object of the present invention to provide a drilling system and method to obviate or mitigate at least some of the above-mentioned disadvantages.

^{sw}₍₁₂₃₎₅₇ Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following replacement paragraph:

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^{sw}₍₁₂₃₎₆₇ [0043] The spreader assembly 16 includes an outer housing 126 depending from the underside of the body 120 with a mounting plate 128 spaced from the underside of the body 120. The fluid motor 30 is supported on the plate 128 with a drive shaft 132 connected to the motor 30 and, supported in a bearing 134. The shaft 132 extends through the bearing 134 and is connected to a spinner plate 136. The spinner plate 136 has a frusto-conical shield 138 extending inwardly and upwardly toward the body 120 with fins 140 spaced circumferentially around the periphery of the plate 136. The motor 130 is [[as]] operable to rotate the plate 128 relative to the body 120 and impart a radial force on material deposited on the plate. The fins may be linear or, preferably curved rearwardly, to assist in the radial flow of material.